

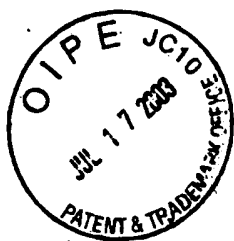
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 14, 2003, having a three-(3) month shortened statutory period for reply, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record. Also enclosed herewith is a petition for a two (2) month extension of the shortened statutory period and authorization to charge the required fee to the indicated deposit account